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SUBJ: TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO DOHA

REF: ANKARA 5275; KUWAIT 3045

1. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ARRIVED IN QATAR
FROM KUWAIT EVENING OF JULY 20 AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
FOR BAHRAIN ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 22. CAGLAYANGIL MET WITH
AND WAS ENTERTAINED BY GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER AND ACTING RULER
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SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, AND CALLED ON MINISTERS

OF INTERIOR, PUBLIC WORKS, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES. HE ALSO VISITED NATIONAL MUSEUM AND INDUSTRIAL AREA.

2. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, CAGLAYANGIL'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GOQ OFFICIALS TOUCHED ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CYPRUS AND MID EAST PROBLEMS, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT "COOPERATION AGREEMENTS" WOULD BE SIGNED.

3. IN PRESS INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED IN DAILY "AL ARAB" ON JULY 22, CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY OF CYPRUS AND PRESERVING RIGHTS OF TWO COMMUNITIES ON ISLAND. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WOULD RESULT IN JUST AND FINAL SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS PROBLEM. ON MID EAST, CAGLAYANGIL CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY, JERUSALEM IN PARTICULAR, AND GRANTING PALESTINIANS THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. RE MID EAST ISSUES, HE NOTED THAT THESE HAD BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED AT RECENT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, CAGLAYANGIL DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION TURKEY'S SUPPORT FOR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN. A MEMBER OF TURKISH DELEGATION TOLD US THAT TRIP WAS WITHIN CONTEXT OF GOT POLICY TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH NEIGHBORS AND PARTICULARLY WITH ARAB WORLD.

5. COMMENT CONTINUED: CAGLAYANGIL SPENT MUCH MORE TIME IN DOHA THAN IS USUAL FOR VIP VISITORS. AMIR IS OUT OF COUNTRY, AND GOQ WAS HARD PUT TO KEEP HIM OCCUPIED. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMPLAINED TO US THAT VISIT MUCH TOO LONG, ESPECIALLY SINCE TURKS NOT PARTICULARLY POPULAR HERE BECAUSE OF THEIR STILL REMEMBERED OPPRESSIVE RULE IN AREA.
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